

### **REMARKS**

The Restriction Requirement of August 9, 2005, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Restriction Requirement, the Examiner identified three inventions, forming three groups of claims, from which restriction to a single group was required.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 23 and 24, drawn to a method of plasma processing, without traverse.

The claims have been amended in accordance with this election as set forth above. More specifically, claims 1, 2, 25 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of divisional applications directed thereto, and the dependency of claims 3-22 and portions thereof have also been amended in view of the above election. Thus, claims 3-24 are currently pending in this application, with claims 23 and 23 being independent.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any

remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicants regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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